

Naval Security Group Activity Menwith Hill in Harrogate, UK, as Division Officer and an Operation Watch Officer.

In 2002, Commander Zimmerman graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, with a Master of Science in Space Systems Operations. She also completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase I through the Naval War College. Her payback tour was at SPAWAR Space Field Activity in Chantilly, Virginia, as Chief of the SIGINT Director's Action Group, then on the staff of the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

For Commander Zimmerman's department head tour, she was assigned to the Navy Cyber Defense Operation Command in Norfolk, Virginia. While there, she led as Deputy of Operations in the Training and Exercise Department. During this tour, she was also assigned as an Individual Augmentee to Multi-National Corps Iraq as an Information Operations Planner. She served in this role for 12 months in Baghdad, Iraq, and helped support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In May 2009, Commander Zimmerman became the Officer in Charge of the Navy Information Operations Detachment Chesapeake until the unit's disestablishment in December 2011. She also earned a Master of Science in Management and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. Commander Zimmerman completed her O5 milestone tour at U.S. Fleet Forces Command as N24 Fleet Intelligence, Information Operations, and Electronic Warfare Readiness.

From 2013 to 2014, Commander Zimmerman was assigned to Navy Cyber Forces in Suffolk, Virginia. She served as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness and Modernization (N4) and then as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness (N3).

Commander Zimmerman served as Executive Officer of the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Texas from May 2014 to June 2015. One month later, she reported to NIOC San Diego to assume Command in July 2015.

Commander Zimmerman retired from Active Duty on November 1, 2017. Her military decorations include the Information Dominance Warfare Officer pin, the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other service medals and ribbons.

In 2017, Commander Zimmerman joined USAA in San Antonio, Texas, as the Military Affairs Service Academy Relationship Director. She lives in San Antonio with her family and is a proud mother to three children: sons Orion and Declan and daughter Eala.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Commander Zimmerman for her extraordinary commitment to public service. As a member of my Military Service Academy Nominations Board for the 20th District of Texas, she has played an invaluable role in ushering in the next generation of military leaders, and my office has benefited from her wisdom and expertise. I am grateful for Commander Zimmerman's service to the United States, and I wish her and her family the best.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT SCOTT THOMAS

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Robert Scott Thomas, who passed away on October 23, 2022.

Descending from a storied line of Marin pioneers and California cowboys, Robert spent his childhood learning about the value of hard work and business ethic. This was evident from the age of 12, when he managed the ranch and family business while his adult family members were away fighting in the Second World War. Following their legacy of service, he would go on to join the United States Army in 1951, serving at Fort Ord, California.

Robert returned to Marin County after serving in the military and went on to play an instrumental role at John Oglesby Engineering, designing Marinwood, Sausalito, Tiburon, Mill Valley, and other subdivisions across Marin County. Robert would eventually become President of McNear Block Company, the historic firm that was crucial in rebuilding San Francisco following the 1906 earthquake.

Throughout his life, Robert carried on the legacy of a family steeped in California history. In 1868, his great-great-grandfather, Captain John August McNear, purchased 2,500 acres of land at Point San Pedro in San Rafael, where he ran successful dairy and brick manufacturing operations. After seeing the poor treatment of Chinese workers in San Francisco, Captain McNear offered the Chinese community employment and safe refuge on his land. Robert upheld these family values in his professional career, notably as Senior Advisor for Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to removing landmines and reviving sustainable agriculture in war-torn regions.

Robert exemplified humility, positivity, resilience, and love for family. He met the love of his life, Barbara, while at San Rafael High School; they would go on to spend over half a century together until she passed in 2006. He leaves behind his daughter Heidi, son Robert, Jr., 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. While he will be greatly missed, Robert's legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his family, Marin County, and beyond.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Robert Scott Thomas was a community figure who will be missed and whose many contributions to the region and nation are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his many contributions and express our deep condolences to his family and friends.

## RECOGNIZING JOE SANTARLASCI

### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE to recognize the life of Joseph "Joe" Howard

Santarlaschi, Jr., a decorated Vietnam veteran, investment banker, professor, and thought leader who passed away on October 29, 2022 in Brooklyn, NY.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Joe graduated from Malvern Prep in 1963, Brown University in 1967, and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in 1973. Joe was in ROTC at Brown and served his country as a Navy Lieutenant from 1967 to 1971 with two tours of active duty in Vietnam. He was part of the "brown water navy" and got his jump wings. Joe was also awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor. He was the duty officer during the recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts when they splashed down in the Pacific on July 24, 1969 and carried "the football" during the mission. Joe followed in the footsteps of his father Joseph Howard Santarlaschi, a fighter pilot who was shot down numerous times during World War II.

After graduation from UVA, Joe started his first job as an investment banker at First Chicago. On the weekends, he was a fly half for the USA Eagles rugby team. He then moved to New York City, where he specialized in M&A at several leading investment banks.

Joe moved to Washington, D.C. in 1985 to co-found the turnaround management firm Whitby, Santarlaschi & Co., Inc. with Von Whitby of Salt Lake City, Utah. He took great pride in restructuring companies with the goal of saving as many jobs as possible.

From 2013 to 2019, Joe taught Entrepreneurial Finance at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. After he stopped teaching, he stayed in touch with his students and continued to help them along their journeys. He then co-founded the Brown University Veterans Alumni Council. Under his leadership, Brown extended need-blind admission to veterans and eliminated the estimated family contribution, replacing it with scholarship, enabling Brown to meet the total cost of attendance for qualified veterans.

In 2021, Joe moved to Brooklyn, NY to be closer to his sons Nicolas and Marco. Seeing how bereft Joe was feeling without his students, Marco showed Joe how to use Twitter, where he became a leading voice for tolerance, kindness and justice. News of his death trended as #RIPJoe, was liked by over 50,000 people and commented upon by more than 7,000. Everyone who knew him treasured his heart, intellect, and quick wit.

In addition to his father and son, Joe was predeceased by his mother Rosemary Theresa Donovan Santarlaschi. He is missed by his wife of 34 years, Elizabeth Ann Stanton (Betsy Santarlaschi); their sons Nicolas Donovan Santarlaschi (Rachel "Rai" Manning) and Marco Foster Santarlaschi of Brooklyn, NY; brother Stephen Michael Santarlaschi (Eileen Taubman) of Paoli, PA; and Stephen's daughter Michelle Santarlaschi Carini (John) and their children Cecelia and Anthony of Malvern, PA.

## HONORING JOHN CHAMBERS

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Apostle John Chambers for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of